(a) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government for the development and expansion of the oil production industry at the rural level by crushing the oil seeds produced in the country;

(b) if so, the outline of the scheme and the assessment made by Government regarding the number of people who earn at present their livelihood through this industry throughout the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Multinational Companies have already entered in this industry; and

(d) if so, the names of such MNCs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) No, Sir. As intimated by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution no such scheme has formulated. However, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission, under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), promotes the development of agro and rural industries including oil seeds crushing in the rural areas of this country.

(b)Does notarise.

(c) and (d) As intimated by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), a list of proposals approved by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board for foreign equity participation/foreign collaboration by foreign companies including MNCs in the Vegetable Oils and Vanaspati sector including crushing of oil seeds is at Annexure (See Appendix 199 Annexure No. 13).

Setting up of rural industries

2551. PROF M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up door-to-door industries in the rural areas of the country on the pattern of Japan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to industrialise the villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government of India through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is already implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) in the country for promotion and development of Khadi and Village Industries including agro and rural industries. Under this scheme, the KVIC provides margin money assistance at the rate of 25% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for projects above 10 lakhs and upto Rs. 25 lakhs, rate of margin money is 25% of 10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining cost of the project. In the case of SC/ST/OBC/Women/Physical Handicapped/Ex-Servicemen and Minority Community beneficiary/institution and for hill border and tribal areas, North-Eastern Region, Sikkim, Andaman and Nicobar Island, Lakshadweep, the margin money grant is 30% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs but above this amount and upto Rs. 25 lakhs it is 30% of 10 lakhs plus 10% of the remaining cost of the project cost. Under this scheme, the beneficiary's contribution is 10% of the project cost. In case of SC/ST/other weaker sections, beneficiary's contribution is 5% of the project cost. This scheme is being implemented through Public Sector banks, Regional Rural Banks etc.

In addition to prompt, promote and synergise efforts of all agencies involved with cluster development of Rural Industrialization, the National Programme on Rural industrialization, has also been started since 01-04-2001.

CBI inquiry on misuse of modular laboratories

2552. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had ordered a CBI inquiry to investigate the misuse of Modular laboratory No. 3-319-S, Trombay, Mumbai during the year 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CBI has since submitted the report;